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1. INTRODUCTION

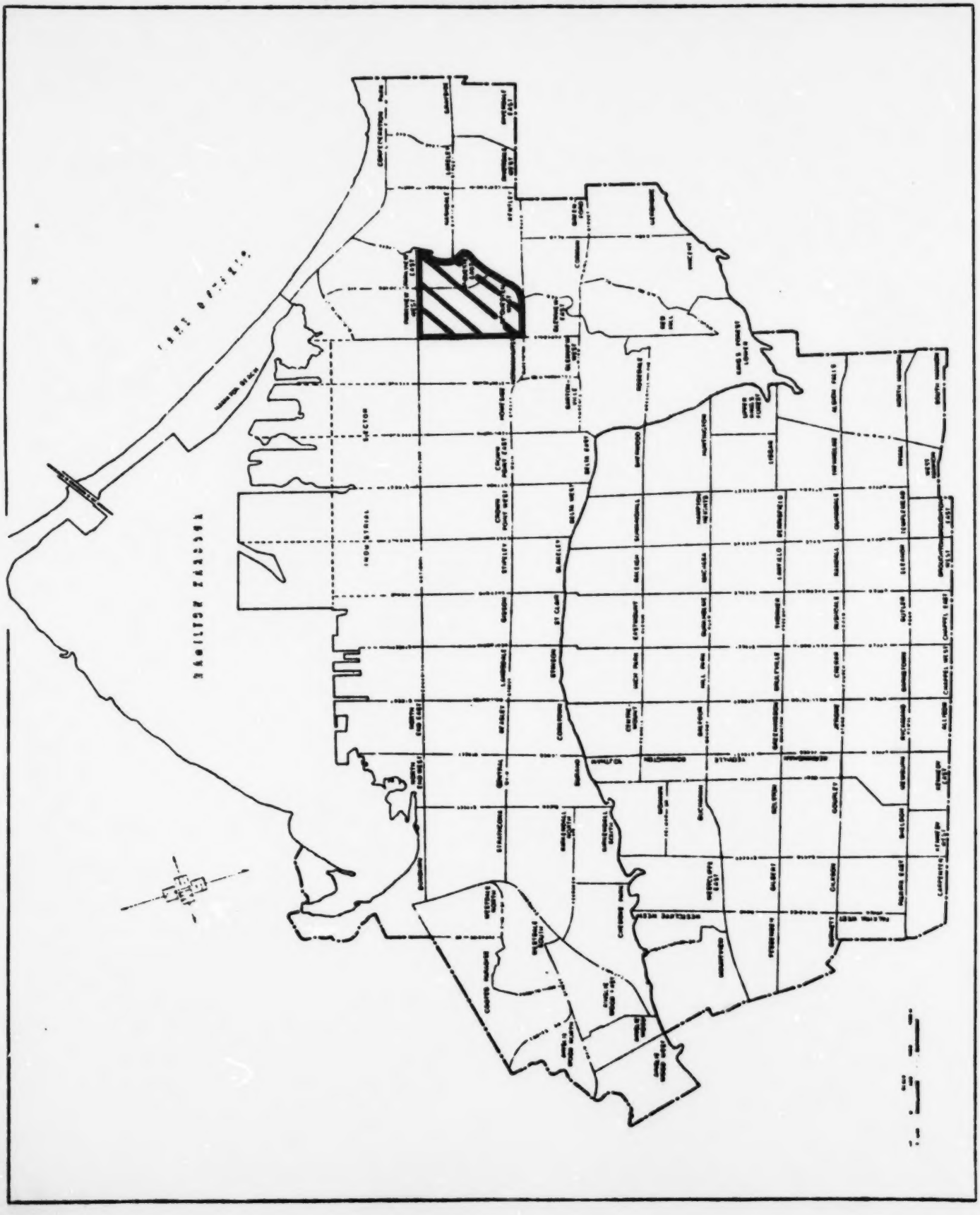
The purpose of this profile is to provide a general socio-economic description of the geographical area defined by the McQuesten East and West planning neighbourhoods located in the east end of the City of Hamilton. The borders of this 311 acre area are: the C.N.R. tracks to the north; Queenston Road on the south; Parkdale Avenue on the west; and Red Hill Creek on the east (refer to neighbourhood location map on the following page).

The report contains information and data concerning a variety of neighbourhood characteristics including:

a) trends in population and population composition;
b) physical land-use characteristics;
c) an overview of the housing situation;
d) the composition of families;
e) significant socio-economic indicators;
f) a listing of local community services; and
g) the utilization of human services.

Where possible, statistical information for the McQuesten East and West neighbourhoods has been compared to data available for the City of Hamilton (average). Both areas combined (McQuesten East and McQuesten West) will be referred to as the "McQuesten" neighbourhood for the purposes of this report.

At the conclusion of the profile, a brief summary of highlights of the socio-economics of the neighbourhood is presented.



2. DEFINITIONS

The following has been drawn from information supplied by Statistics Canada regarding the proper 'definition' for certain data contained in this report:

Age:

Refers to age at last birthday (as of the Census reference date, 3 June 1981).

Mother Tongue:

The first language learned in childhood and still understood by an individual.

Religion:

Refers to specific religious groups or bodies, denominations, sects, cults or religious communities.

Labour Force Activity:

The labour market activity of the population 15 years of age and over, excluding inmates, who, in the week prior to enumeration (3 June 1981) were employed, unemployed or not in the labour force.

Employed:

Includes those persons who, during the week prior to enumeration:

a) did any work at all; or

b) were absent from their jobs or businesses because of own temporary illness or disability, vacation, labour dispute at their place of work, or absent for other reasons.

Unemployment Rate:

Refers to the percentage the unemployed force forms of the total labour force (in the reference week) in an area,

group or category. The unemployed includes those persons who, during the week prior to enumeration:

a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks and were available for work; or

b) had been on lay-off for 26 weeks or less and expected to return to their job; or

c) had definite arrangements to start a new job in four weeks or less.

Participation Rate:

Refers to the percentage the total labour force (in the reference week) forms of the total population 15 years of age and over, excluding inmates, in an area, group or category.

Less Than Grade 9 Education:

Refers to the percentage of the population 15 years of age and over with less than any secondary education (includes Kindergarten to Grade 8 and those with no schooling).

Occupied Private Dwelling:

A private dwelling in which a person or group of persons is permanently residing.

Private Household:

A person or group of persons (other than foreign residents) who occupy a private dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada. The number of private households equals the number of occupied private dwellings.

Gross Rent:

The total average monthly payments paid by tenant households to secure shelter. Gross rent includes payments for electricity, oil, gas, coal, wood or other fuels, water and other municipal services and monthly cash rent.

Value of Dwelling:

The amount expected by the owner if the dwelling were to be sold.

Census Family:

Consists of a husband and a wife (with or without children who have never married, regardless of age) or a lone-parent, regardless of marital status, with one or more children (who have never married, regardless of age) living in the same dwelling.

Husband-Wife Family:

Consists of a husband and a wife (with or without children) or persons who live in common-law (with or without children).

Lone-Parent Family:

Consist of a parent, regardless of marital status (with no spouse present) with one or more children living in the same dwelling.

Total Income:

The sum of amounts received during 1980 by an income recipient (15 years of age and over) from all sources.

Average Income:

The average family/household income refers to the weighted mean total income of families/households in 1980. (Family/household total income refers to the sum of the total incomes of the members of the family or household, 15 years of age and over).

Average Employment Income:

The weighted mean total employment income per unit of a particular group. (Employment income refers to the total income received by persons 15 years of age and over during 1980 as wages and salaries, net income from non-farm self employment and/or net farm income).

Average Census Family Income:

Refer to definition of 'Average Income'.

Average Private Household Income:

Refer to definition of 'Average Income'.

Economic Family:

A group of two or more persons who live in the same dwelling and are related to each other by blood, marriage or adoption. Persons living common-law are considered, for Census purposes, as now married.

Incidence of Low Income:

The incidence of low income is the percentage of family units below the low income cut-off points. On the basis of the total income of a family unit adjusted for federal Child Tax Credit, size of family limit and size of the area of residence, the position of each unattached individual and economic family is determined in relation to low income cut-offs based on the 1978 Family Expenditure Survey and updated by changes in the Consumer Price Index.

3. POPULATION

a) Past Trends:

The population of the McQuesten neighbourhood has fluctuated over the past three decades as Table 1 indicates:

TABLE 1

PAST POPULATION TRENDS

YEAR	POPULATION	PERCENT CHANGE
1951	3,037	-
1956	6,419	111.4
1961	7,615	18.6
1966	8,393	10.2
1971	9,649	13.0
1976	8,869	- 8.8
1981	7,944	- 11.6

Source: Statistics Canada

Population growth peaked in 1971, with an increase of 68% over the twenty years prior to that date.

b) Current Trends:

As Table 2 shows, the current trend for the neighbourhood is a decrease in population (over 10% since 1976).

TABLE 2

CURRENT POPULATION TRENDS

YEAR	POPULATION	PERCENT CHANGE
1976	8,758	-
1977	8,526	- 2.6
1978	8,016	- 6.0
1979	7,935	- 1.0
1980	7,892	- 0.5
1982	7,914	0.3
2001 (est.)	6,700	- 15.3

Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth

c) Population Composition:

i) Age and Sex Breakdown:

The McQuesten population can be broken down by age and sex into five year age groups as Table 3 presents.

The statistics in Table 3 are pictorially depicted as a population pyramid (Figure 1). As indicated, there is a significant proportion of people aged 15 to 24 years. This age group constitutes 22% of the neighbourhood's total population.

TABLE 3

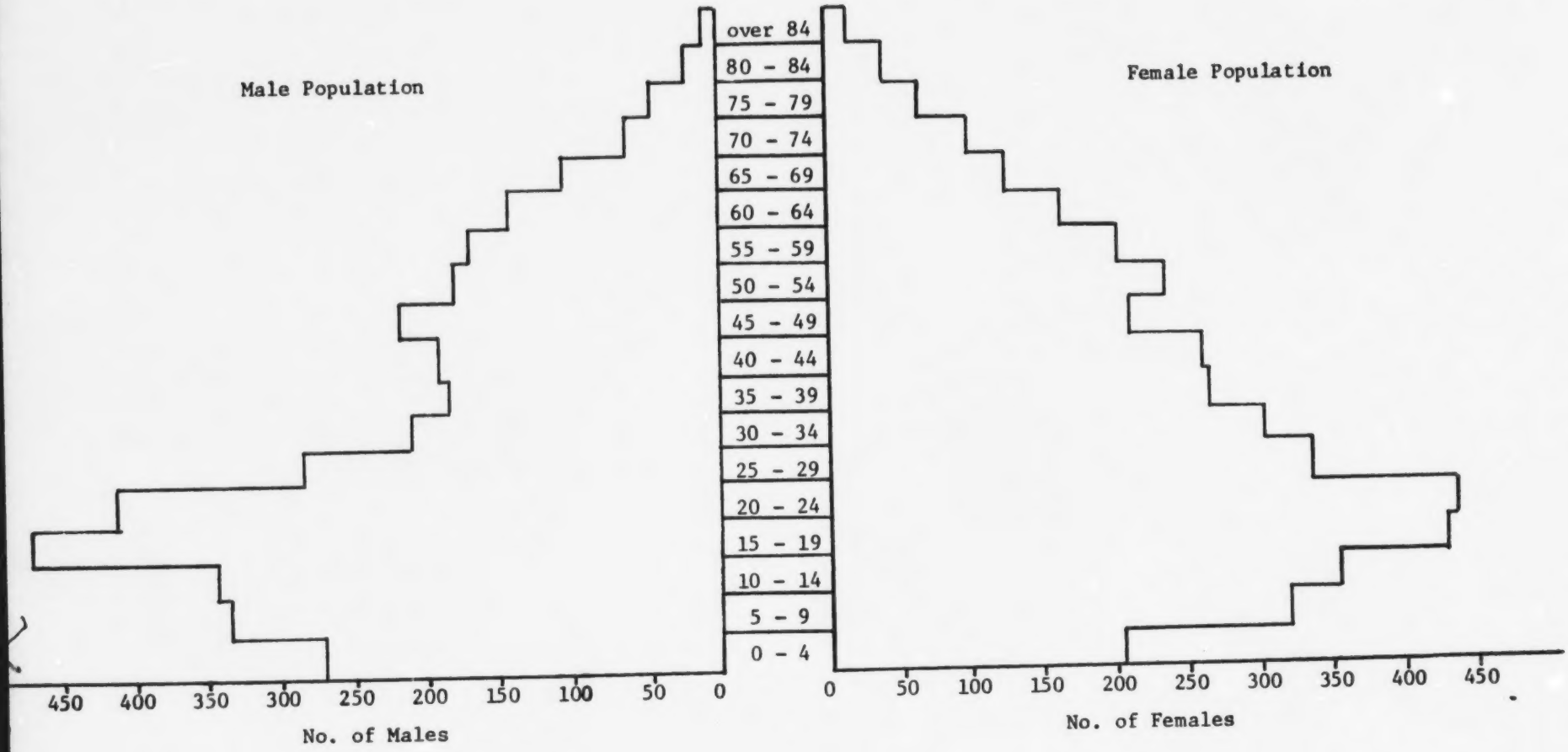
AGE AND SEX COMPOSITION, 1982

Age Group	Males	Females	Total	% of Total
0-4	272	202	474	6.1
5-9	334	320	654	8.5
10-14	347	352	699	9.0
15-19	475	426	901	11.7
20-24	414	429	843	10.9
25-29	286	331	617	8.0
30-34	214	300	514	6.6
35-39	187	267	454	5.9
40-44	195	260	455	5.9
45-49	222	213	435	5.6
50-54	188	229	417	5.4
55-59	170	200	370	4.8
60-64	144	164	308	4.0
65-69	110	124	234	3.0
70-74	65	98	163	2.1
75-79	48	63	111	1.4
80-84	21	38	59	0.8
over 84	7	15	22	0.3
Total	3,699	4,031	7,730	100.0
Age Not Known			184	
Total Population			7,914	

Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth

FIGURE 1

POPULATION PYRAMID, 1982



Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth

Table 4 indicates the neighbourhood's proportion of youth, working population and seniors compared to that of the City of Hamilton.

TABLE 4

COMPARISON OF POPULATION STRUCTURE, 1982

	McQuesten		City of Hamilton	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Youth (under 16)	1,977	25.6	60,866	20.5
Working Population*	5,164	66.8	199,462	67.3
Seniors (over 64)	589	7.6	36,024	12.2
Total	7,730	100.0	296,352	100.0
Age Unknown	184		12,050	
Total Population	7,914		308,402	

*Potential working population between the ages of 16 and 64 years.

Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth.

McQuesten has approximately the same proportion of working-age population as Hamilton, but a lower proportion of seniors and a higher proportion of youth. Those under age 16 form one quarter of the neighbourhood's population.

ii) Marital Status:

The marital status of the McQuesten neighbourhood's population can be broken down as indicated by Table 5.

TABLE 5

COMPARISON OF MARITAL STATUS, 1981

Marital Status	McQuesten		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
Single	3,740	47.1	41.2
Married	3,460	43.6	49.9
Widowed	360	4.5	6.2
Divorced	380	4.8	2.7
Total	7,940	100.0	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada

The neighbourhood had, in 1981, a larger proportion of single and divorced people than did the City, but a lower proportion of married and widowed people.

iii) Religious Affiliation:

Table 6 shows the religious affiliation of the McQuesten neighbourhood population in 1981, compared to the 1971 population.

TABLE 6

TRENDS IN RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Religious Affiliation	1981		1971	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Protestant	4,050	51.1	5,110	54.7
Anglican	1,330	16.8	1,945	20.8
United Church	1,225	15.5	1,365	14.6
Eastern/Greek Orthodox	155	1.9	190	2.0
Jewish	20	0.2	0	0.0
Catholic	3,075	38.8	3,605	38.6
No religious preference	510	6.4	360	3.8
Eastern non-Christian	25	0.3	N/A	N/A
Other	105	1.3	80	0.9
Total	7,917	100.0	9,345	100.0

N/A = not available

Source: Statistics Canada

The most notable change over the decade is a decrease in the number of people associated with the Protestant church; however, Protestants still account for over half of the neighbourhood's population.

iv) Mother Tongue:

Table 7 is an indication of the diversity of McQuesten neighbourhood's population as reflected in their mother tongue.

TABLE 7

MOTHER TONGUE

	1981		1976		1971	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
English	6,465	81.4	7,300	82.7	8,145	84.4
French	200	2.5	220	2.4	250	2.6
Neither English nor French	1,275	16.1	1,345	15.2	1,255	13.0
German	60		50		N/A	
Italian	510		520		N/A	
Ukrainian	85		105		N/A	
Polish	100		N/A		N/A	
Other	520		670		N/A	
Total	7,940		8,820		9,650	

N/A = not available

Source: Statistics Canada

The trend indicated is an increase in the proportion of the neighbourhood's population whose mother tongue is neither French nor English. The proportion of the French-speaking population is relatively stable, whereas the proportion of the neighbourhood's population whose mother-tongue is English is decreasing. Nevertheless, the neighbourhood's population is still predominantly English-speaking (over 3/4 of the people).

4. PHYSICAL LAND-USE

a) Property Land-Use and Assessment Value

The McQuesten neighbourhood has an area of 311.4 acres. This gives the community a population density of 25.4 persons per acre (1982). A breakdown of land-use by number of acres and total assessed property is contained in Table 8.

TABLE 8

LAND-USE ACREAGE AND TOTAL ASSESSMENT VALUE, 1982

	Acreage		Total Assessment Value	
	No. of Acres	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Open Space	25.3	8.1	316,897	2.0
Residential individual	175.2	56.3	10,466,270	66.1
Transportation/ Communication/ Utilities and Parking	8.9	2.9	236,960	1.5
Retail Products and Service	38.8	12.5	2,235,014	14.1
Institutional	20.7	6.6	1,260,819	8.0
Residential Collective*	0.6	0.2	24,100	0.2
Industrial	13.7	4.4	409,801	2.6
Office	19.4	6.2	507,777	3.2
Storage and Warehousing	8.8	2.8	365,751	2.3
Total	311.4	100.0	15,823,389	100.0

*Includes such dwellings as hotels, nursing homes, hostels, etc. as opposed to single family dwellings, duplexes, townhouses, etc., which came under the 'Residential Individual' heading.

Source: Planning and Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth.

As indicated, 56.3 percent of the acreage is used for residential individual purposes (i.e. single-family units), retail products and services utilizing an eighth of the area. Similarly, residential individual use accounts for the highest (66.1%) assessment value. The next most valuable land-use (in assessment terms) is for retail products and services. Residential individual use combined with retail products and services make up 80% of the total assessed property value.

b) Zoning

As the attached zoning maps indicate, most of the McQuesten neighbourhood is zoned for residential use, both single family (designated 'C') and '1 and 2 family' (designated 'D'). Industrial lands (designated 'J' and 'K') border on the Canadian National railway tracks to the north of the neighbourhood.

c) Traffic Volume

Figure 2 indicates the traffic (vehicle) counts for a 24-hour period of a number of busy intersections in the McQuesten neighbourhood.

The traffic counts are for four neighbourhood intersections and were recorded on the dates shown in each diagram.

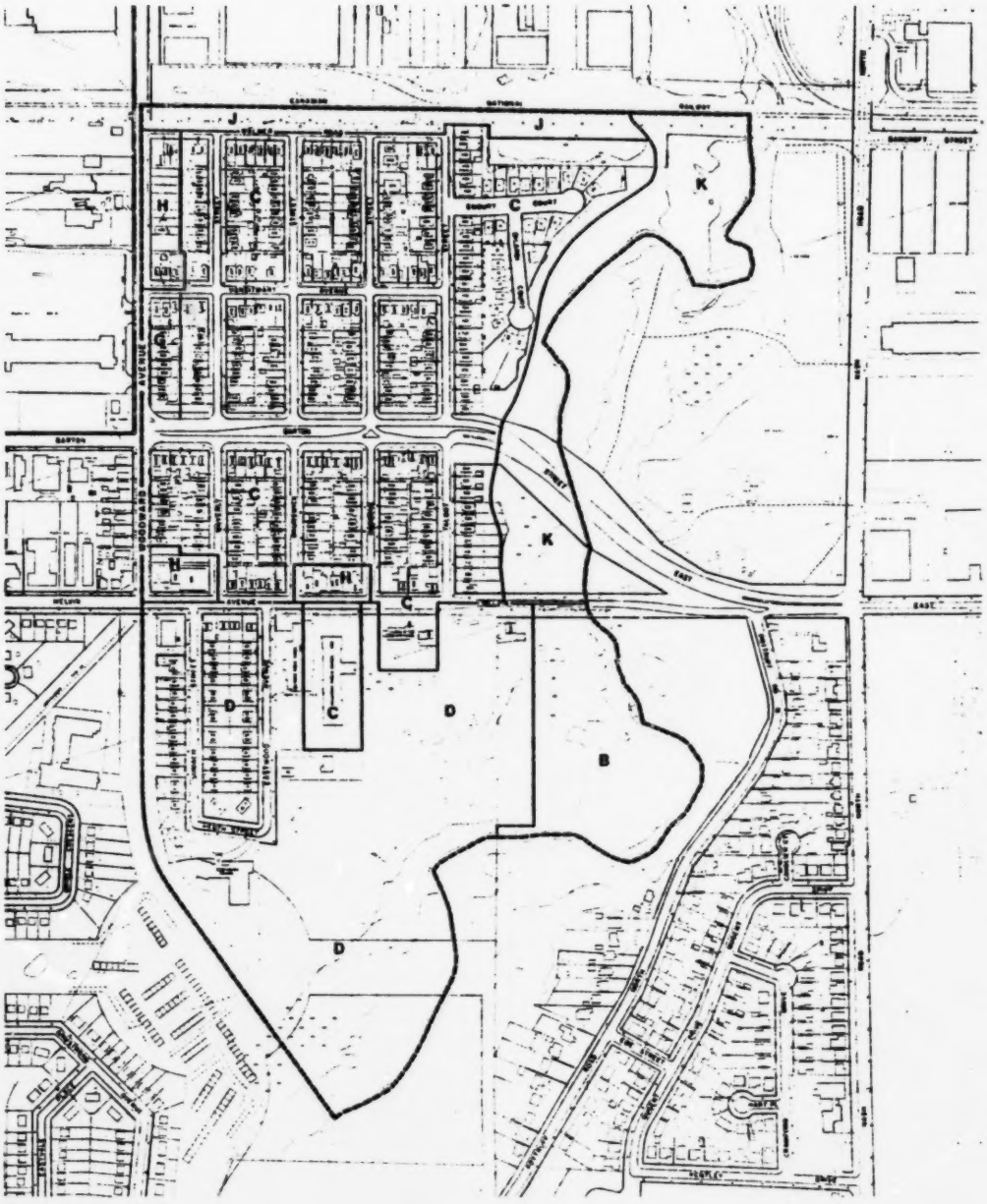


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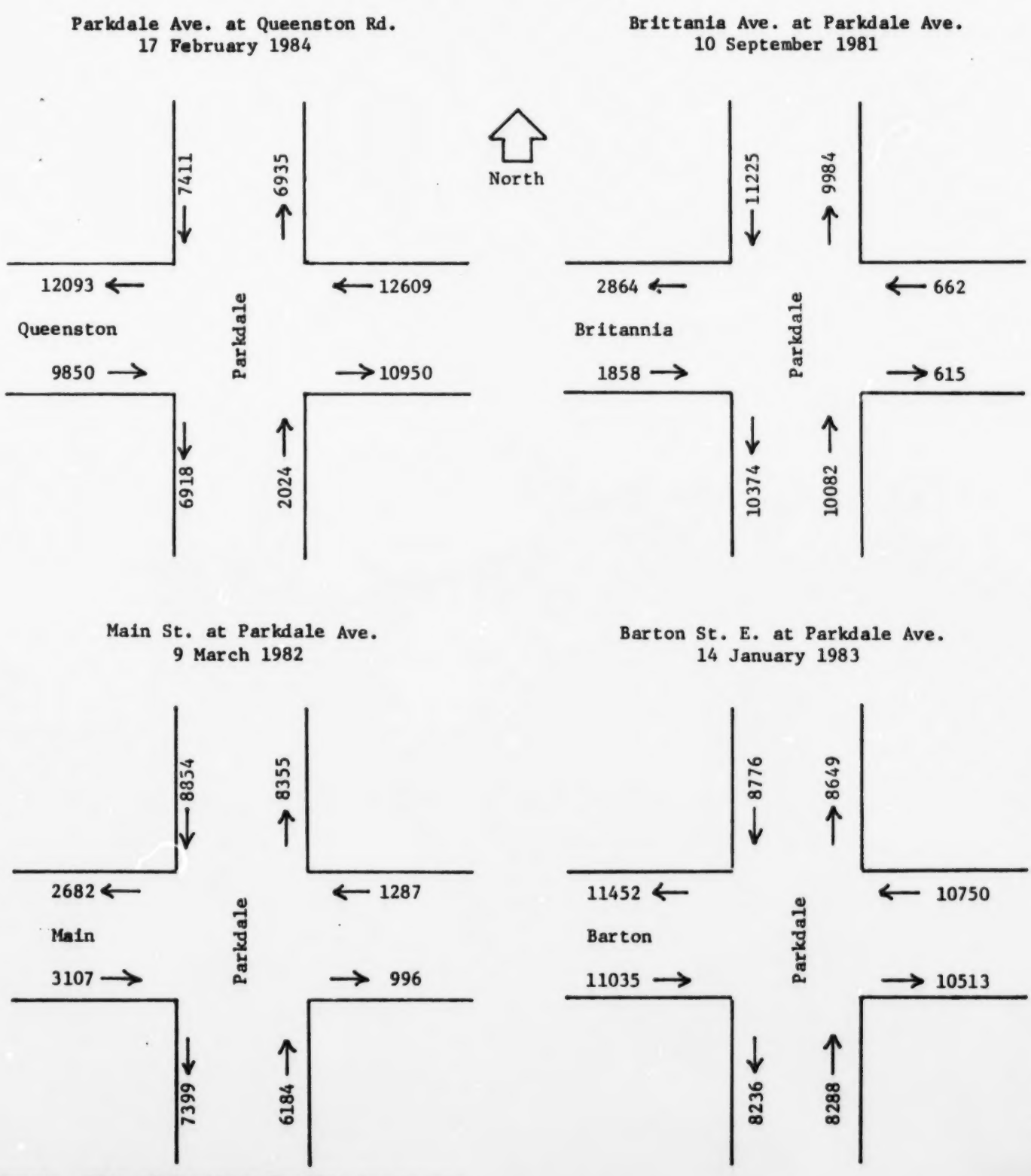
FIGURE 2

24-Hour Traffic Counts



Source: City of Hamilton Traffic Department

5. HOUSING

a) Occupied Dwellings

From the information presented in Table 9, it appears that it is cheaper to own or rent a dwelling in the McQuesten neighbourhood than in the City on average. This fact is reflected by both the McQuesten community's figures and the City's average monthly rent, the average major monthly payments for owners and the average value of dwellings are higher for the City of Hamilton.

TABLE 9

OCCUPIED DWELLINGS BREAKDOWN, 1981

	McQuesten		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
Total Occupied Dwellings	2,745	100.0	100.0
owner-occupied	1,155	42.1	56.4
tenant-occupied	1,590	57.9	43.6
Single-detached	1,225	44.6	51.4
Single-attached	500	18.2	10.5
Apartment	995	36.2	34.1
Duplex	30	1.0	4.0
Average value of dwelling	$47,119		$54,484
Average gross rent (monthly)	270		291
Average major payments for owners (monthly)	332		346

Source: Statistics Canada

In the McQuesten neighbourhood, more dwellings are tenant-occupied (57.9%) than owner-occupied (42.1), which is almost a reversal of Hamilton's situation (43.6% tenant-occupied versus 56.4% owner-occupied). However, like the City, the majority of the neighbourhood's dwellings are single-detached (single family) units. McQuesten has a greater proportion of apartments and single-attached dwellings than does Hamilton, but a smaller percentage of duplex units.

b) Assisted Housing

As Table 10 shows, the McQuesten neighbourhood has 5.9% of Hamilton's total assisted housing inventory - the majority of which are family units.

Significantly, the McQuesten neighbourhood has the greatest number of assisted family units in its area than any other City neighbourhood. It also has the fifth largest number of assisted units in total.

TABLE 10

ASSISTED HOUSING, 1982

	McQuesten		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent*	No.
Total Assisted Housing Inventory	534	5.9	9,023
Total Family Units	487	10.4	4,664
O.H.C. projects	484		1,932
Private non-profit	3		1,162
Total Senior Citizen Units	44	1.0	4,278
O.H.C. projects	16		3,027
Rent Supplement	12		233
Private non-profit	16		1,018
Total Handicapped Units	3	3.7	81

*Percentage of total units in the City of Hamilton.

Source: Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton & District

6. FAMILIES

The McQuesten neighbourhood has twice the proportion of single-parent families than does the City of Hamilton and a smaller proportion of husband-wife families than the City, as Table 11 indicates. Particularly noteworthy is the high proportion of female-headed single-parent families in the McQuesten neighbourhood.

The community has a slightly higher average number of persons and children per family than the City of Hamilton.

TABLE 11

FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS, 1981

	McQuesten		City of Hamilton	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Husband-Wife Families	1,540	73.3	70,935	86.6
Single-parent Families	560	26.7	10,965	13.4
Male parent	30	5.3	1,525	13.9
Female parent	535	94.7	9,435	86.1
Total No. of Families	2,100	100.0	81,900	100.0
No. of persons in families	6,935		254,880	
Average No. of persons/ family	3.3		3.1	
Average No. of children/ family	1.6		1.2	

Source: Statistics Canada

7. SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS

a) Labour Force

As Table 12 shows, the unemployment rate in the McQuesten neighbourhood was higher than the City's unemployment rate. The difference was particularly noticeable for females aged 15-24 years (nearly 10% higher than the City's ratio).

TABLE 12

LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS, 1981

	McQuesten	City of Hamilton
Males in Labour Force	2,060	90,390
Participation Rate	73.8%	77.5%
Unemployed	190	5,035
Unemployment Rate	9.2%	5.6%
15-24 years	15.3%	11.4%
25 years and over	6.4%	3.8%
Females in Labour Force	1,595	64,005
Participation Rate	49.0%	50.7%
Unemployed	195	5,035
Unemployment Rate	12.2%	7.9%
15-24 years	22.2%	12.4%
25 years and over	7.7%	6.1%

Source: Statistics Canada

Participation rates for the neighbourhood were generally lower than the City's, except for married females whose participation rate exceeds the City average by 2.6%.

b) Income

i) Average and Low-Income Distribution

Table 13 shows average incomes and incidence of low income for the neighbourhood's population and comparable figures for the City.

TABLE 13

AVERAGE AND LOW INCOME DISTRIBUTION, 1981

	McQuesten	City of Hamilton
Average total income, male	$ 13,242	$ 16,379
Average total income, female	6,437	7,981
Average employment income, male	14,006	16,803
Average employment income, female	6,648	8,246
Average Census family income	18,762	25,202
No. of low income economic families	755	13,290
Incidence of low income	36.3%	16.1%
No. of low income unattached individuals	260	15,465
Incidence of low income	36.1%	42.7%

Source: Statistics Canada

ii) Household Income Comparison

Table 14 compares the household incomes of 1970 to those of 1980 in McQuesten.

TABLE 14

HOUSEHOLD INCOME DISTRIBUTION COMPARISON

1970 Average Household Income: $8,552			1980 Average Household Income: $17,911		
	No.	Percent		No.	Percent
Under $1,000	40	1.6	Under $5,000	250	9.1
$ 1,000- 2,999	160	6.3	$ 5,000- 9,999	630	22.9
$ 3,000- 4,999	270	10.6	$10,000-14,999	405	14.7
$ 5,000- 6,999	405	15.8	$15,000-19,999	380	13.8
$ 7,000- 9,999	895	35.0	$20,000-24,999	380	13.8
$10,000-14,999	630	24.6	$25,000-29,999	220	8.0
$15,000-19,999	115	4.5	$30,000-39,999	355	12.9
$20,000 & over	40	1.6	$40,000 & over	130	4.7

Source: Statistics Canada

The average household income for the area has more than doubled in the last ten years and the proportion of households earning more than the average has increased.

c) Education

Table 15 provides a comparison of educational levels for the over 14 population of McQuesten with those of the City of Hamilton.

TABLE 15

COMPARISON OF EDUCATIONAL LEVELS OF THE POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, 1981

	McQuesten		City of Hamilton
	No.	Percent	Percent
Population 15 Years and Over	6,040	-	-
Attending School Full-time	810	13.4	11.5
Not Attending School Full-time	5,230	86.6	88.5
Out-of-School Population with Less than Grade 9	1,560	25.8	22.1

Source: Statistics Canada

As shown, in Hamilton 11.5% of the over 14 population are attending school full-time, almost 2% less than the comparable proportion for McQuesten.

In McQuesten, 25.8% of the neighbourhood's out-of-school population have less than Grade 9 compared to 22.1% for the City.

As Table 16 shows, school enrollment has declined in the past decade. Hillcrest school, in particular, has reduced its enrollment by more than half. Each of the four neighbourhood schools are now catering to approximately the same number of students at about 350 pupils. Enrollment still appears to be at a healthy level.

TABLE 16

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TRENDS

Year*	Hillcrest	Hillsdale	Roxborough Park	St. Helen's	Total	
					No.	% Change
1972	733	429	500	659	2,321	-
1973	722	417	452	640	2,231	- 4.0
1974	687	419	431	594	2,131	- 4.7
1975	635	368	399	553	1,955	- 9.0
1976	608	369	374	517	1,868	- 4.6
1977	498	327	339	466	1,630	- 14.6
1978	437	320	309	465	1,531	- 6.5
1979	411	322	300	416	1,449	- 5.7
1980	389	329	307	411	1,436	- 0.9
1981	381	351	347	381	1,460	+ 1.6
1982	346	336	364	358	1,404	- 3.9

*As recorded at 30 September of each year.

Source: Board of Education for the City of Hamilton
Hamilton-Wentworth Roman Catholic Separate School Board

d) Mobility Status

Table 17 shows that the community appears to be as stable as Hamilton from the standpoint of mobility.

TABLE 17

COMPARISON OF MOBILITY STATUS, 1981

	McQuesten		City of Hamilton	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Population 5 years and over	7,380	100.0	284,060	100.0
Non-movers	4,030	54.6	160,480	56.5
Movers	3,345	45.4	123,580	43.5

Source: Statistics Canada

The "Population 5 years and over" figure represents the population which has resided in the area for the past five years or more. This population has been broken down further into 'non-movers' (persons who, on Census Day, June 3rd, 1981, were living in the same dwelling they occupied for five years earlier) and 'movers' (persons who, on Census Day, were living in a different dwelling than the one occupied five years earlier).

The Table shows that a slightly greater proportion of McQuesten residents (45.4%) are 'movers' compared to the Hamilton average (43.5%).

c) Industry Divisions

Table 18 shows the industries in which occupations are situated.

TABLE 18

INDUSTRY DIVISIONS, 1981

	McQuesten		City of Hamilton	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Both sexes - total labour force	3,660	100.0	154,395	100.0
Industry - not applicable	70	1.9	2,195	1.4
All industries	3,595	98.2	152,200	98.6
Primary industries	5	0.1	1,180	0.8
Manufacturing Industries	1,480	40.4	53,860	34.9
Construction industry	195	5.3	8,905	5.8
Transportation communication and other utilities	215	5.9	8,145	5.3
Trade	700	19.1	23,835	15.4
Finance, insurance and real estate	110	3.0	6,585	4.3
Community, business and personal service industries	820	22.4	44,105	28.6
Public administration and defence	65	1.8	5,575	3.6

Source: Statistics Canada

As can be seen, the highest proportion of the labour force (40.4%) were employed in manufacturing industries. Similarly, manufacturing accounts for the highest proportion of the City's labour force (34.9%), although to a lesser extent than in McQuesten.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES

a) Political Representatives

At the local level, the McQuesten community is part of Ward 5 and is represented on Regional and City Councils by:

Ms. Shirley Collins (Alderwoman)
24-85 Albright Road,
Hamilton, Ontario.
L8K 6H1

Telephone: business - 526-2730
residence - 578-2379

Mr. Fred Lombardo (Alderman)
215 Montmorency Drive,
Hamilton, Ontario.
L8K 5H3

Telephone: business - 526-2231
544-3761 Ext. 3635
residence - 561-1031

At the Provincial level, the neighbourhood is part of the Hamilton East riding and is represented by:

Mr. Bob MacKenzie (Member of Provincial Parliament)
Constituency Office,
1345 Main Street East,
Hamilton, Ontario.
L8K 1B6

Telephone: business - 544-9644

At the Federal level, the community is part of the Hamilton East riding and is represented by:

Ms. Sheila Copps (Member of Parliament),
Constituency Office,
1217 Main Street East,
Hamilton, Ontario.
L8K 1A3

Telephone: business - 547-7040

b) Bus Routes

Five local bus routes pass through or border on the McQuesten neighbourhood. The five routes are: King, Cannon, Barton, Nash and Parkdale. The routes are illustrated in Figure 3.

c) Churches

The McQuesten neighbourhood contains four churches:

Church of the Good Shepherd,
480 Melvin Avenue

Parkdale Gospel Temple,
92 Parkdale Avenue North

St. David's United Church,
Roxborough Avenue and Delena Avenue

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Parish,
260 Melvin Avenue

d) Schools.

The McQuesten community contains four schools. All of the schools are elementary and three are public:

Hillcrest Public School,
460 Melvin Avenue

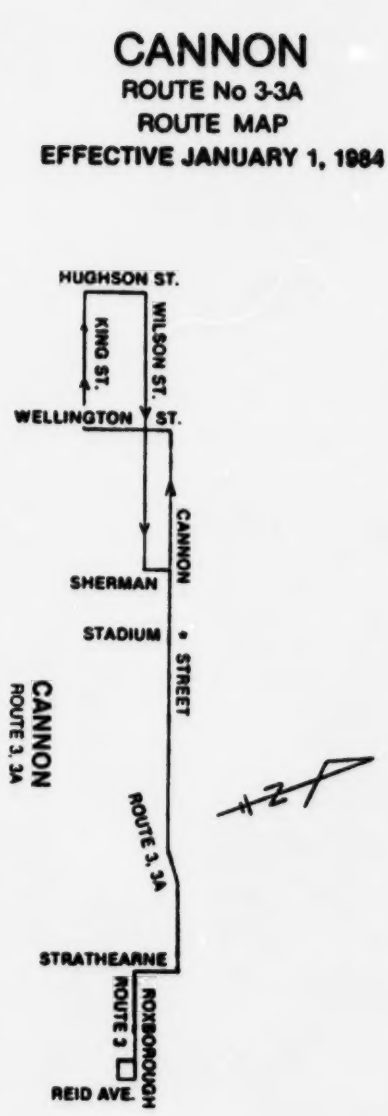
Hillsdale Public School,
40 Eastwood Street

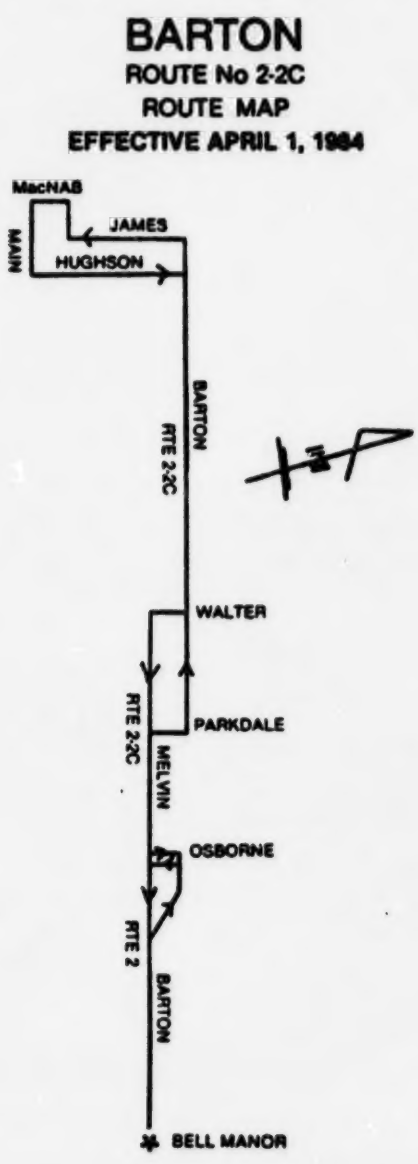
Roxborough Park Public School,
20 Reid Avenue North

St. Helen's Separate School,
785 Britannia Avenue

FIGURE 3

McQUESTEN BUS ROUTES





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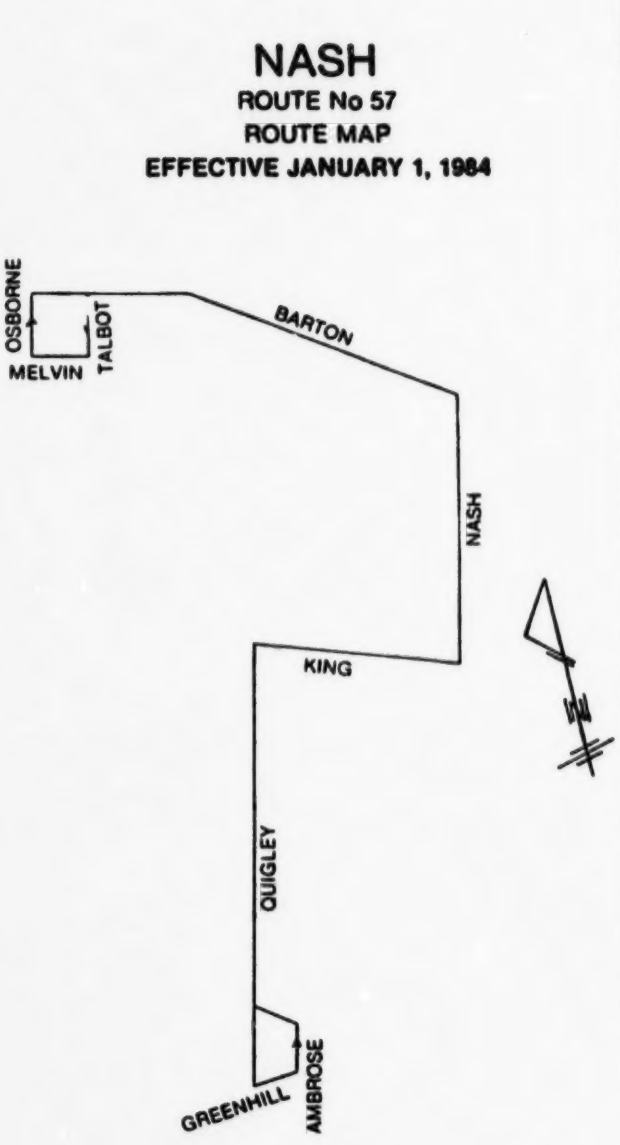

Figure 3: McQuesten Bus Routes cont'd

Source: Hamilton Street Railway Company

e) Service Agencies/Centres

The neighbourhood contains three human service organizations:

Association for Early Childhood Education
Parent Child Drop-in Centre,
349 Queenston Road

McQuesten Community Association,
38 Glengrove Avenue

Hamilton and District Association for the
Mentally Retarded,
Life Skills Training Centre and Community
Resources,
6 Heath Street

f) Professional Services

The neighbourhood has a number of professional services available:

Doctors: Dr. K. Lummack

Dentists: Dr. I. Brockhouse
Dr. V. Galante
Dr. R. Grossman
Dr. R. Haslhofer
Dr. R. Hayes
Dr. T. Joslin
Dr. P. LaDelfa
Dr. N. Mlekuz
Dr. B. Price
Dr. R. Tonogai

Lawyers: S. Bukhari
M. McHugh
McHugh, Mowat, Szirglas and Whitmore

g) Parks

McQuesten contains three neighbourhood parks:

Arcan Park
Hillcrest Park
Roxborough Park

9. UTILIZATION OF HUMAN SERVICES

Utilization rates of some of the major social services in the City provide a good indication of the extent to which neighbourhoods make use of existing services. Table 19 indicates the caseloads and utilization rates (per thousand population) of the McQuesten community and the City of Hamilton.

In general, the McQuesten area has a greater utilization rate per thousand population than the City of Hamilton average for social services. Of particular significance is the utilization rate for the Children's Aid Society of Hamilton-Wentworth (more than double the City's rate). Similarly, the neighbourhood makes greater use of Family Services of Hamilton-Wentworth and the police services (as indicated by the number of calls).

Not surprisingly, McQuesten Legal and Community Services, which is located on the southern borders of the community, is utilized by the area to a significantly higher degree (more than five times) than it is by the City, on average.

TABLE 19

COMPARISON OF HUMAN SERVICE UTILIZATION RATES

	McQuesten		City of Hamilton
	No. of Cases	Rate*	Rate*
Big Brothers Association (1982)	28	3.53	1.11
Catholic Children's Aid Society (1982)	27	3.41	1.93
Catholic Social Services of Hamilton (1982)	25	3.16	2.44
Chedoke Child and Family Centre (1983)	15	1.89	2.03
Child and Adolescent Services (1982)	37	4.68	1.68
Children's Aid Society of Hamilton-Wentworth (1983)	36	4.55	2.08
Dundurn Community Legal Services (1982)	3	0.38	0.45
Elizabeth Fry Society (1982)	8	1.01	0.71
Family Services of Hamilton-Wentworth (1982)	50	6.32	3.89
John Howard Society (1983)	9	1.14	1.19
McQuesten Legal and Community Services (1982)	78	9.86	1.71
Meals-On-Wheels (1982)	8	1.01	2.68
Police calls (Feb.-June, 1980)			
Disturbances	286	36.04	22.60
Liquor Control Act	22	2.77	3.21
Person Crimes	85	10.71	8.70
Property Crimes	272	34.28	25.54
Other	266	33.52	28.07
St. Matthew's House (1982)	30	3.79	4.38
Victorian Order of Nurses (1982)	108	13.65	14.76
Visiting Homemakers Association (1982)	24	3.03	5.75

*Utilization rate per 1,000 population.

Source: Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton & District

The McQuesten neighbourhood also has an above average number of General Welfare Assistance and Family Benefits Allowance recipients as Table 20 indicates.

TABLE 20

COMPARISON OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS

	McQuesten		City of Hamilton
	No. of Cases	Rate*	Rate*
General Welfare Assistance (16 Sept. 1981)	175	22.17	13.43
Family Benefits Allowance (17 June 1981)	453	57.40	23.23
Total	628	79.57	36.66

*Utilization rate per 1,000 population.

Source: Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton and District

The number of people receiving Family Benefits Allowance in the neighbourhood per 1,000 population is more than double the rate for the City of Hamilton. Likewise, the combined assistance rate for the area (79.57 persons per 1,000 population) is more than double the City's rate of 36.66 persons per 1,000 population.

10. PROFILE HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a general summary of some of the significant trends or patterns which have been presented in this profile of the McQuesten (East and West) planning neighbourhood.

The McQuesten community is a neighbourhood where:

- the population rose until 1971 after which it began to decline;
- the youth population is comparatively high and the elderly population is comparatively low;
- a slight majority of the population is Protestant;
- more than three-quarters of the population speak English as their first language;
- a majority of the land is for residential purposes;
- a majority of the occupied dwellings are rented;
- the average value of dwellings are about fifteen percent lower than the City average;
- the greatest number of assisted family housing units exists (compared to other neighbourhoods);
- the rate of single-parents is twice the City average;
- unemployment rates are higher than average and labour force participation rates are lower than the City average;
- the incidence of low income families is twice the City average (one in three families are poor);
- school enrollment is at a healthy (although declining) level;
- an above average proportion of the labour force is employed by manufacturing industries; and,
- the utilization of human/social services and assistance is generally above average.

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